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MOTION UNDER 28 USC § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

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	United States District Court	District	VESTERN DISTRICT OF N
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	of Confinement TNER FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INST.	ITUTION	
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V.	25	E RUSSELL which convicted)
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1.	Name and location of court which entered the judgmen	of conviction under attack	nited States Dis-
	trict Court/Western Of New Yo	ork/Buffalo Divisio	n
2	Date of judgment of conviction February 2	25, 2019.	-
3.	Length of sentence 108-months/9-year	rs	
4.	Nature of offense involved (all counts) Conspin	racy To posses with	intent to distri-
	bute, and to distribute, 500	grams or more of co	ocaine and 28-grams
	or more of cocaine base. Viol	lating 21 U.S.C. §8	46 and 841. Count1,
	Failure to appear. Violating	18 U.S.C. § 3146(a)(1).
5.	What was your plea? (Check one) (a) Not guilty (b) Guilty (c) Noio contendere		
	If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment Petitioner, plead guilty to e	each count listed in	n the indictment
	due to the erroneous misadvic		
	clearly go over each aspect o	of the written plea	agreement.
б.	If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you hat (a) Jury (b) Judge only	ove? (Check one)	
7.	Did you testify at the trial? Yes No But I will trut	chfully testify now	!
8.	Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes No XX No due to Inef	ffective Assistance	Of Counsel.
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12	60	appeal, answer the following:
	(a) Name	of court N/A
	(b) Result	N/A
	(c) Date o	N/A
10.	Other than or motions	a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications with respect to this judgment in any federal court?
11.	If your an	ewer to 10 was "yes," give the following information:
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	(2) N	ature of proceeding N/A
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6) Date of result
Did you appeal, to an appellate federal court having jurisdiction, the result of action taken on any petition, application
or motion?
(1) First petition, etc. Yes No 🚨
(2) Second petition, etc. Yes No X
Service explain briefly why you did not
If you did not appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application or motion, explain briefly why you did not
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State concisely every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the constitution, laws or treaties of the United States. Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and facts supporting same.
CAUTION: If you fail to set forth all grounds in this motion, you may be harred from presenting additional grounds at a late
date.
For your information, the following is a list of the most frequently raised grounds forrelief in these proceedings. Each statement preceded by a letter constitutes a separate ground for possible relief. You may raise any grounds which you have other than those listed. However, you should raise in this motion all available grounds (relating to this conviction) on which you based your allegations that you are being held in custody unlawfully. Do not check any of these listed grounds. If you select one or more of these grounds for relief, you must allege fact. The motion will be returned to you if you merely check (a) through (j) or any one of these grounds. (a) Conviction obtained by plea of guilty which was unlawfully induced or not made voluntarily or with understanding of the nature of the charge and the consequences of the plea.

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	 (c) Conviction obtained by use of evidence gained pursuant to an unconstitutional search and seizure. (d) Conviction obtained by use of evidence obtained pursuant to an unlawful arrest. (e) Conviction obtained by a violation of the privilege against self-incrimination. (f) Conviction obtained by the unconstitutional failure of the prosecution to disclose to the defendant evidence favorable to the defendant. (g) Conviction obtained by a violation of the protection against double jeopardy. (h) Conviction obtained by action of a grand or petit jury which was unconstitutionally selected and impaneled. (i) Denial of effective assistance of counsel. (j) Denial of right of appeal.
9	A. Ground one: Ineffective Assistance of counsel for failing to file a timely
	Notice Of Appeal. Petitioner, "instructed counsel to file said appeal"
	Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): Trial counsel was ineffective
	violating Petitioner's 5th and 6th Amendment Federal Constitutional Right's
	To The effective assistance of counsel. Specifically, on February 8,2019.
	Petitioner, instructed counsel to file an appeal on his behalf and Counsel
	Mr. Mark A. Foti, agreed to file an appeal, but through neglect counsel
	failed to do so. [See Memorandum Of Law].
В	Ground two: Ineffective Assistance of counsel for failing to object to the
	dangerous weapon enhancement under U.S.S.G. §2D1.1(b)(1).
	Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): Trial counsel was ineffective
	violating Petitioner's 5th and 6th Amendment Federal Constitutional Right's
	To the effective assistance of counsel. Specifically, trial counsel deliber
	ately failed to "object" to the dangerous weapon enhancement under U.S.S.G.
-	§2D1.1(b)(1). The Government failed to show that the firearm had some pur-
	pose or effect with the drug trafficking crime. [See Memorandum Of Law]
C	C. Ground three: N/A
	N/A
	N/A

N/A		
Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): N/A	N/A	
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	N/A		
).	Ground four: N/A		
	N/A		
	Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): N/A		
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Į	f any of the grounds listed in 12A, B, C, and D were not previously presented, state briefly what grounds were not so presented, and give your reasons for not presenting them:N/A		
	N/A		
_	N/A		
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	N/A Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court as to the judgment under attack? Yes No X		
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	(e)	On appeal N/A
		N/A
	(f)	In any post-conviction proceeding Petitioner, presents this §2255-motion in proper
		person without the assistance of counsel.
	(n)	On appeal from any adverse ruling in a post-conviction proceeding . N/A
		N/A
20	We	re you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and a
	app Yes	Toximately the same time? No X
	Do Yes	you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the judgment under attack? No 🕱
	(a)	If so, give name and location of court which imposed sentence to be served in the future:
		N/A
		N/A
	As	N/A
	(0)	Give date and length of the above sentence:
		N/A
	(c)	Have you filed, or do you contemplate filing, any petition attacking the judgment which imposed the sentence to be served in the future? Yes \(\subseteq \text{No} \cdot \mathbf{X} \)
W) (G Du	nerefo IRAN ie t	ore, movant prays that the Court grant him all relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding. The both issue's raised herein or hold an evidentiary hearing to counsels ineffective representation.
		Signature of Attorney (if any) Lawrence Russell #27413-055/LC-90U
	eclar	e under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on
	8	-20-19
		Date
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		Lawrence Russell #27413-055/LC-90U

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by US Mail TO: Ms. Laura Higgins (AUSA) @ U.S. Attorney's Office/Federal Centre. 138 Delaware Avenue. Buffalo, New York 14202. On this Zot, day of ADHITT, 2019. I on this same date did place this into the hands of prison officials for legal mailing. See, Houston v Lack, 487 U.S. 266 (1988).

Respectfully Submitted

Lawsence Russell

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK BUFFALO DIVISION

LAWRENCE RUSSELL

Petitioner/Plaintiff

CIVIL NO:

VS.

Case Nos.18-CR-40-V 17-CR-105-V

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendant/Respondent

:

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF 28 U.S.C. §2255 MOTION TO VACATE SET ASIDE OR CORRECT SENTENCE

COMES NOW, The Petitioner, Lawrence Russell, in proper person, and pursuant to the Rules Governing § 2255-Proceedings For The United States District Court's 2(c). Respectfully, moves this Honorable Court with this Memorandum Of Law In Support of 28 U.S. C. §2255-Motion To Vacate Set Aside Or Correct Sentence. Petitioner, avers to the following fact's.

GROUND ONE

- 1) In ("Ground One"), Petitioner asserts that trial counsel was Constitutionally Ineffective violating Petitioner's 5th, And 6th Amendment Federal Constitutional Right's to the effective assistance of counsel. Specifically, on February 8, 2019. Petitioner, instructed his trial attroeny (Mr. Mark A. Foti).
- 2) To file an appeal, (Mr. Foti), agreed to file an appeal on Petitioner's behalf, but through neglect he failed to do so as Petitioner, instructed him to do. [A] lawyer who disregards specific instructions from the defendant to file a notice of appeal acts in manner that is professionally unreasonable.
 - 3) See, Campusano v United States, 442 F.3d 770 (2d Cir.2006);

Also see, Roe v Flores-Ortega, 528 U.S. 470-77 (2000). A defendant claiming ineffective assistance must (1) demonstrate that his counsel's performance fell below an objective standard of reasonableness in light of prevailing professional norms, and (2) affirmatively prove prejudice.

4) Form counsel's allegedlly deficient representation. See to,
United States v Cohen, 427 F.3d 164-67 (2d Cir. 2005); Strickland
v Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 688, 693, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984). Also
see, Rodriquez v United States, 395 U.S. 327, 89 S.Ct. 1715 (1969)
Where the Supreme Court explained that;

When counsel's constitutionally deficient performance deprives a defendant of an appeal that he otherwise would have taken, the defendant has made out a successful ineffective assistance of counsel claim entitling him to an appeal.

5) In <u>Campusano v United States</u>, 442 F.3d at 775. The Court, explained in part;

Evan if a client signed a plea agreement waiving his appellant right's where counsel does not file a requested notice of appeal and fails to file an an adequate <u>Anders</u> brief courts may not dismiss the hypothetical appeal as frivolous on collateral review.

Petitioner, mailed several letters to the US Probation Office, and to this Honorable Court expressing the lack of communication from counsel and his many concerns about several paragraphs in the Presentencing Investigation Report to no avail. Trial Counsel, deliberately failed to explain exactly how the US sentencing guidelines affected Petitioner. By placing the US sentencing guidelines into the plea agreement, Petitioner would prematurely waive his objections at sentencing without any accurate evaluation of the Presentencing Report. Thus, Petitioner would be effectively waiving his right to object when several portions of the Presentencing Report now have an impact on Petitioner's current sentence. See, Fed. R. Crim. P. 32(i)(3) (C). In addition, the US sentencing guidelines are discretionary not mandatory, they have no place inside of a plea agreement, counsel did not have Petitioner's best interest at the time. Petitioner, can clearly and accurately describe several portions of the Presentencing Report that are factually incorrect and counsel failed to take an pro active steps too ensure Petitioner's 5th & 6th Amendment Right's were not violated.

- 6) To raise a claim despite a guilty plea or appeal waiver the Petitioner, must show that the plea agreement was not knowing and voluntary. See, Parisi v United States, 529 F.3d 134-38 (2d Cir. 20 08). The Second Circuit, has held that there are instances where a Petitioner, may appeal or collaterally attack.
- 7) A conviction notwithstanding a waiver, including the defendant's right to appeal on the grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel. See, United States v Rosa, 123 F.3d 94-98 (2d Cir. 1997). However, in those circumstances the petitioner challenges counsels assistance in entering the plea.
- 8) Also, petitioner challenges counsels conduct at sentencing as well. See eg, United States v Hernandez, 242 F.3d 110-14 (2d Cir. 2001). Where the Circuit Court explained in part;

[T]he refusal to apply such a waiver provision in those circumstances only allows appellate review of the constitutionality of the process by which the plea agreement was consummated.

9) Also see, United States v torres, 129 F.3d 710-16 (2d Cir. 1997). The Second Circuit, went further explaining that;

A defendant who pleads guilty unconditionally while represented by counsel may not assert independent claims relating to the deprivation of constitutional right's that occurred prior to the entry of the guilty plea. Rather, a defendant may only attack the voluntary and intelligent character of the guilty plea by showing that the advice he received from counsel was not within acceptable standards.

10) Petitioner, specifically "asserts" that he instructed his trial attorney, on February 8, 2019. To file a timely notice of appeal, Counsel had "agreed" to file said appeal, but through neglect he failed to do so, as instructed by Petitioner. Thus, counsel is Constitutionally Ineffective.

11) Petitioner, has complied with the holding's from the US Supreme Court. See, Strickland v Washington, 466 U.S. 668,688, 693, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984); Roe v Flores-Ortega, 528 U.S. 470-77 (2000).

NATURE OF THE RELIEF SOUGHT

Petitioner, prays that this Honorable Court (GRANT), this Motion To Vacate Set Aside Or Correct Sentence under 28 U.S.C. §2255. In light of, Garzo v Idaho, 139 S.Ct. 738 (2019). The attached..., sworn affidavits support that trial counsel was constitutionally ineffective for failing to file a timely notice of appeal as he was instructed to do by Petitioner. In the alternative, Petitioner, prays that this Court hold an evidentiary hearing where Petitioner, will prove counsel's ineffective assistance.

Respectfully Submitted

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VS.

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AFFIDAVIT OF TAMALA E. DANIEL

I Tamala E. Daniel, hereby state that on Tuesday February 12, 2019. I called the Law Office Of Mr. Mark A., Foti @ (585) 461-19 99. I spoke with a female that answered the telephone. I asked her can I please speak with Mr. Foti?? she responded to me saying, "He's in court right now, can I take a message?"

2) I said yes, and I explained to her, "that I'm Mr. Lawrence Russells f'iance and I wanted to know has Mr. Foti , filed the appeal as of yet, and if not he should file it immediately." She said that she would let him know as soon as he returns from court.

I Declare (or certify, verify or state), under the penalty of perjury

that, the foregoing is true, See, 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

Tamala E. Daniel (919) 514-9191

517 North Lamar Street Rocxboro, North Carolina

27573.

JENNIFER BROOKS Notary Public - North Carolina Person County My Commission Expires Mar 13, 2024

for Jamala E. Daniel

DECLARATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 28 U.S.C. § 1746 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Declare (or certify, verify or state) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing was deposited to the Institutional Mail Room For Legal Mailing. @ Federal Correctional Institution/Butner. P.O. Box 1500. Butner, North Carolina 27509-1500. And-First Class postage has been prepaid. See, Rules Governing §2255 Proceedings For The United States District Court 3(d). I Hereby Certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail TO: Laura Higgins (AUSA) @ U.S. Attorney's Office/Federal Centre. 138 Delaware Avenue. Buffalo, New York 14202. On this Aday of AUGUST, 2019. I on this same date did place this documentation into the hands of prison officials for legal mailing. See, Houston v Lack, 487 U.S.266 (1988).

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Case Nos. 18-CR-40-V
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NOTICE TO THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Dear Clerk,

Enclosed please find my "28 U.S.C. §2255-motion." Will you notify me once you have received this documentation. Your time and consideration are both very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

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